| 1 | 2 | 3 |
|---|---|---|
| 31. | कानपुर | 24 |
| 32. | लखीमपुर खीरी | 9 |
| 33. | लखनऊ | 20 |
| 34. | मैनपुरी | 12 |
| 35. | मथुरा | 5 |
| 36. | मेरठ | 16 |
| 37. | मिर्जापुर | 17 |
| 38. | मुरादाबाद | 7 |
| 39. | मुजफ्फरनगर | 8 |
| 40. | नैनीताल | 11 |
| 41. | प्रतापगढ़ | 2 |
| 42. | पीलीभीत | 12 |
| 43. | पिथौरागढ़ | 7 |
| 44. | रायबरेली | 6 |
| 45. | रामपुर | 1 |
| 46. | सहारनपुर | 12 |
| 47. | सीतापुर | 9 |
| 48. | शाहजहांपुर | 3 |
| 49. | सुल्तानपुर | 3 |
| 50. | टेहरी गढ़वाल | 3 |
| 51. | उन्नाव | 6 |
| 52. | वाराणसी | 11 |

**Fixation of year of IFS Officers of Assam-Meghalaya Cadre**

2519. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have received any demand from the Assam Government regarding fixation of year of IFS Officers of Assam-Meghalaya Cadre; and

(b) if so, what initiative has been taken so far and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The matter is under consideration.

**Financial Reforms**

2520. SHRI P. N. SUKUL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to introduce some major financial reforms with a view to facilitating the efforts of the private and public sectors to mobilise the huge resources required for the Eighth Plan; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the contemplated reforms?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) Financial reforms are an on-going process. Many measures have been taken recently. The need for further reforms is constantly kept under review and takes into account the resource requirement of both the private and public sectors. Details of financial requirements for the public and the private sectors for the Eighth Five Year Plan are currently being worked out.

**Smuggling of Gold**

2521. SHRI P. N. SUKUL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that gold smuggling into the country has been increasing during the last three years;

(b) if so, what are the figures of smuggled gold detected during the last three years, year-wise and the quantum of smuggled gold detected during this year so far;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government are contemplating to liberalise imports of gold by individuals under certain conditions to serve as a disincentive against gold smuggling; and

(d) if so, what are the details of the proposed new import policy in respect of gold?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENGE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) and (b) Since smuggling is a clandestine activity, it is not feasible to estimate the quantity of gold being smuggled into the country at any given time. However, figures of quantity of gold seized by the Customs authorities during the last *three* calender years which are given in the table below show an upward trend. This need not necessarily be on account of any in-se in the smuggling of gold and could be due to more effective anti-smuggling messures :—

| Year | Quantity of gold seized (in Kgs.) | (Rs. in crores) |
|---|---|---|
| 1986 . . . | 2174 | 46.66 |
| 1987 . . . | 2255 | 65.78 |
| 1988 . . . (upto 14-11-1988) | 4387* | 140·33 |

*Figures is provisional.

(c) and (d) A Committee headed by Shri Rangarajan. Deputy Governor of Reserve Bank of India had been set UD by the Government to examine the Gold Policy in all its aspects and the Gold (Control) Act. fhis Committee in its report has amongst others suggested 'modifications in the Gold (Conrol) Act and review of the present ceiling on the aggregate value of gold jwellery that could be brought into India free of duty by passengers.

**Insurance of Landless Labonrers by LIC**

2522. KUMARI SUSHILA TTRIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Life Insurance Corporation has formulated a scheme to insure the life of one member each of three crore families of landless labourers in the country during the current year;

if so, what are the details of the scheme; and

what is the number of labourers benefited under the scheme, State-wise, upto the end of September. 1988?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN' THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE *(*SHRI EDUARDO FA-LEIRO): (a) Yes Sir. The Group Insurance Scheme sponsored by the Central Government on the life of one member, namely, the head of the family, for each of the estimated number of 3 crores families of landless agricultural labourers in the country has been introduced by the Life Insurance Corporation of India with effect from 15th August, 1987.

(b) Landless agricultural labourers in the age group of 18 to 60 years are eligible to become members of the Scheme, which provides life insurance cover of Rs. 1000- payable in the event of death of the insured member. No premium is payable by the insured member undr the Serine, nncl the entire premium cost is borne by Government of India.

(c) The number benefited under the Scheme, statewise, upto 30th September, 1988 is as under:—

| **S.** No. | State/Union Territory | No. of claim? settled |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | |
| 1 | Andhra Pradesh | 1,191 |
| *2* | Arunachal Pradesh | 10 |
| 3 | Bihar | 6 |
| *4* | Chandigarh | 2 |
| 5 | Goa | 88 |
| 6 | Gujarat | 354 |